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A New Year's Message to Collectors.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Down from the belfry glad tidings are ringing:—
Out with the Old Year and in with the New;
Out from my heart to-day greetings are winging
Swiftly their way o'er broad prairies to you.

Whether you linger where waters are flowing
Down in delirious joy to the seas;
Whether in Southland where palm trees are growing
'Raptured you list to the sough of the breeze.

Still I am with you in feeling and pulse beat,
Still the same spirit abides in us all;
Spurning all distance, not hands, but our hearts meet,
Rallying swiftly to sympathy's call.

Whether your ardor delights in God's creatures
Brilliant of plumage and dainty of wing;
Whether abroad in the light of his features,
Silent, you ponder each wonderful thing.

Whether you seek 'neath Philately's ensign
Pleasures which only our fair goddess gives;
Whether; where orange groves temper the sunshine,
Careful you study each flower that lives.

Yet would I greet you as glad bells are ringing:—
Out with the Old Year and in with the New;
Garlands of friendship I'd swiftly be bringing
O'er the brown prairies between me and you.

THE STAMPS OF CANADA.

BY J. R. HOOPER.

The perforated cents issues of Canada are divided into three different sets: 1st—the small cent series of 1859, and including the 2c stamp of 1864; 2nd—the large cent series of 1868-70; 3rd—the small cent series running from 1870 up to the present date. It is just as well to state here that there were never any of the "cent series" issued unperforated officially. All the so-called copies of the ½-cent and 5-cent registered *unperforated* have a decidedly shady appearance. The fact that they are on the original cover proves nothing, and the only proof positive would be the resurrection of a whole sheet or a block. Collectors have been known before this to cut off the perforations of a stamp where the margins were abnormally large and then use it on a letter, but these efforts to create new varieties do not meet with much success. While an unperforated *pair* would be desirable, single specimens can be looked upon as so many mutilated copies. There are several varieties in the 1859 issue, and to those who collect shades the 10-cent offers a field where close upon twenty shades could be found. Below will be found the four principal varieties, apparently so distinct as to form a separate issue:—

SMALL 1859 CENT SERIES.

	NEW.	USED.
* 1859--1c, pink wove paper	.20	.03
* " —6c, vermilion wove paper	.20	.02
* " —5c, vermilion ribbed "	2.50	1.00
* " —5c, red wove paper	.30	.04
* " —10c, violet wove paper	.40	.10
* " —10c, mauve " "	.40	.15
* " —10c. lilac " "	.40	.12
* " —10c, brown-purple wove paper	.50	.18
* " —12½c, green wove paper	.75	.25
* " —17c, blue " "	1.00	.75
* 1864—24c, pink " "	.65	.50

The large cent series include the water marked varieties, and in this set also we find a variety of distinct shades. Nearly all on thick and thin wove papers, making the issue decidedly interesting.

LARGE CENT SERIES OF 1868.

	NEW.	USED.
* 1868-'70—½c, black, thick wove paper	.05	.03
" --1c, brown-red, thick wove paper	.25	.12
" —1c, red thin wove paper.	.25	.10
" —1c, brown-red, water-marked	5.00	3.50
" --1c, brown-red, laid paper	20.00	10.00
" —1c, orange wove paper..	.50	.20
" --1c, yellow " " ...	.30	.10
" --2c, green, thick wove paper	.15	.06
" —2c, yellow-green, thick wove paper	.20	.07
" —2c, dark-green, thin wove paper	.25	.10
" --2c, green, water-marked.	7.50	4.00
" --3c, bright-red, thick wove	.10	.02
" —3c. red, thin wove	.15	.05
" —3c, red, water-marked..	5.50	2.75
" —3c, red, laid paper	3.50	2 00
" —6c. brown, thick wove..	.20	.05
" —6c, yellow-brown, thin wove	.25	.06
" —6c, water-marked	8.00	4.00
" —12½c. blue, thick wove paper	.50	.30
" —12½c, blue, thin wove paper	.75	.50
" —12½c. blue, water-marked paper	10.00	5 50
" —15c, violet, thick wove paper	.40	.08
" —15c, lilac, thin wove paper	.50	.12
" --15c, mauve, thick wove paper	.60	.15

The 12½ cent and 15 cent stamps of the above series were used in conjunction with the present small cent series. The 12½ cent has been withdrawn owing to there being no call for such a denomination, and the 15 cent stamp is still issued but apparently little demand for it. It really looks curious to see Canada managing to get on with a 15-cent stamp as their highest value, when other countries use from $1 to $25 stamps for postal use, yet we have had no trouble, and no one has seriously thought of the question. It will be noticed that while the series from 1 cent to 12½ cent exists upon water-marked paper, there are but two varieties on laid paper, the 1 cent and 3 cent. The water-mark on the paper used has never been exactly determined, as only one or two letters appear on each stamp. It is, however, thought to be the paper-maker's name with the addition of the words, "Canada Post Office."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE PHILATELIC SITUATION DIVERSIFIED.

BY C. E. RANGE.

It has now become almost a source of annoyance to know which branch of philately to properly pursue.

The various papers published in the interest of stamp collecting present such confused ideas to the young philatelist, that in his bewilderment he can only wait for something new to turn up. To see the collections of our prominent collectors present no similarity, for one collects Adhesive only, another Postal, another Revenue, etc.

It is high time that we Americans reach some standard that will make collecting a pastime instead of a chaos as it actually seems to be now. If we are in for the profits then it certainly befits us to "Grasp everything in our way and hold fast."

We pick up the stamp paper of today, and a long-winded article with a high flown title greets us, admonishing the collector that the only proper method of collecting stamps is to prepare for those of only one state, country or continent; that the generalization of stamps will meet with a poor reception among the coming philatelists, it behooves us to look into the matter a little and with careful consideration, a few may adopt the method. But what follows; perhaps in the same paper, and in the very same issue, we are amazed to see another article carefully prepared upon "General Stamp Collecting," which is intended to inspire the collector to receive everything that comes his way from a match stamp to a Brattleboro local. Then is the time for a philatelist to become dissatisfied with his enjoyable (?) pursuit. The sooner we bring this discussion to a standpoint and do away with such a diversified opinion, philately will receive the attention due us from other nations. No country on the globe has ever allowed such conjuring in stamp collecting as we have right here in our own country. Our English brethren are nearly all general collectors, and it is "dyed in the wool" with them, but a few have deserted from the ranks and are making British Colonials a specialty.

The only avenue of escape for a young collector, is to carefully debate over the question relative to his own collection; if his facilities for procuring U. S. stamps prove successful in various researches, his only resource is to make that a specialty, while if he has access to large foreign correspondence which is fruitful, the only advice is, be a general collector. A full pocket-book can accomplish any of these, and to a person not so situated, my advice is to collect the specimens which gives the most delight and recreation without hindrance to his own private business.

In conclusion let me say that to make our collections more than a

mere amusement, we must carefully peruse the different stamp papers and so educate our minds to the hobby as to make it an educator and a profitable pastime. For "*To him who understands, lies a wealth of untilled ground.*"

Counterfeit's, Reprints and Surcharges.

BY E. S. LUTHER.

Most of our older collectors can look back over a period of not more than five years, and remember seeing counterfeit stamps openly advertised by unscrupulous dealers, who claimed that as long as the engraving was similar, counterfeits were as good as genuine, and made a much better looking page. Foolish collectors, to allow yourselves to be taken in this way, and a number must have been taken in, for these men grew fat from their nefarious trade, but when the philatelic press at last woke up to the true state of affairs and made every effort to put their customers and subscribers on guard, and after many weary months, they partially succeeded in their good work. When, at last, the counterfeiting gang could no longer sell stamps through the philatelic, they advertised their wares through the juvenile press, and kept up their business for some time; but in reply to the many complaints from the stamp-collecting public, the Post Office Department finally came down on the counterfeiters in general, at least, those in this country, and this put almost an entire stop to this disgraceful trade. Most of the counterfeits that are around over the country at the present day, are made in Germany or England, and are sent to accomplices in this country, who distribute them to the unsuspecting public.

Even our largest dealers are some times caught napping, and are made the purchasers of this vile rubbish, which in turn they unintentionally sell to collectors. Collectors often pay higher prices for the privilege of buying from a reputable house and it should be every dealer's aim to have as few counterfeits, reprints or forged surcharges and post-marks on good stamps, as possible, and to look over his sheets well, before sending to any customer, and to remove all doubtful character at once. Among the most common counterfeits and so called reprints are the Alsace and Lorraine stamps with inverted network and are generally imitations of the first order. A genuine set of Alsace and Lorraine inverted network, is worth something over $5.00 and yet some dealers are selling the same thing (?) for only 25cts, and even then make a good profit. The stamps of the Roman States have been counterfeited and re-counterfeited, printed and reprinted to an extent which I do not think has ever been equalled, and certainly never excelled by any other stamp (Bergedorf possibly excepted.) The plainness of the design, and consequently the small expense of manufacture, accounts for it all. Another very common set of counterfeits is the Argentine Republic, set of 1862, which appears on many dealer's sheets. The Schleswig-Holstein first issue stamps, which are much rarer and more valuable in a used than in an unused state, are at present regarded as the object of special care by the European counterfeiters, who are placing an imitation cancellation on them and are getting good prices for the same. Be on the lookout. Forged stamps of Bremen are being sold at 10c each, and as the genuine stamps of this country are worth from 75c to $3.00 each, and any one having these stamps offered them at a ridiculously low price, can immediately form his own conclusions in regard to the stamps and the vendor.

Not long ago the C. H. Mekeel Co., sent a large lot of Mexico, 1864, in unused sets, to a certain party in Roumania, who returned the sheets with the 1864 sets removed, and in their places he had substituted some very dangerous forgeries of the same stamps. There are several points by which these stamps can be distinguished, but the most noticeable is the fact that in the genuine there are a great number of dotted lines all over the face and forehead, and in the forgery there are none. The 1872 issue of Mexico has its full share of counterfeits as well.

Within the past year many bright new sets of this date have been put on sale by several parties. Although the lithographic stone from which the stamps were printed was produced by transfers from the original steel dies, the stamps are classed as counterfeits, or unofficial reprints, and dangerous ones, too. The reprints (?) from this stone are printed much better than the genuine, and the morie on the back is well imitated. Among the many recent forgeries, or at least those which have but recently come to light, are the Cyprus stamps 6d. and 1sh., with bogus surcharge on genuine English stamps. The Sydney Views of New South Wales, 1d. red, with and without clouds, also Ceylon imperf. 4d., 9d., 1sh., 9d., and 2sh., both with and without the "Star" water-mark. Within the past year a very dangerous forgery has come to light in the shape of an English stamp 1d. black, with the top letters removed by the aid of chemicals, and the letters V. R. then printed in the same spaces. This can easily be told by placing the stamp under a magnifying glass, as the paper upon which the chemicals have been tried, will look *very* rough, and has no fibre to amount to anything. In writing the above I did not intend to write any very tedious statistics. I only wished to point out some very important counterfeits, and to name some of the principal characteristics which distinguish the forgeries from the genuine stamps, and I hope that my above remarks on the counterfeits and reprints of various countries, and my remarks on United States bogus issues and various surcharges, will aid more than one of our younger followers in his pursuit of philately.

As to the forgery of United States stamps, there is a very small amount done, probably on account of the strict laws on the subject which prevail in this country. However, the grills, which are on certain issues, as all the readers of this article already know, are, at present, being counterfeited in large numbers, and about the only way I know of, that any one could tell the difference between the forged and the genuine specimens, would be to get a copy of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, Christmas number for 1891, and *thoroughly* study the directions that are published in that number, under the title of "U. S. Grills." By doing this properly, every collector could become an expert on the subject. The United States locals as every one knows, have been counterfeited to a very great extent, and put on the market as "genuine reprints," and any "local reprint" is generally found to be the most lament-

able kind of rubbish, and the way the general opinion runs at present, you cannot find more than one collector out of fifty who collects the local stamps of the United States, or any other country. They are all alike. As to surcharges, there is very little to be said, there is no beauty to them. In fact it mars the beauty of any stamp to have a word or two obliterating the surface of a once beautiful stamp. The surcharge is readily forged, and it is done with *very* little chance of detection, and with a *very* great chance for profit. If philatelists would not collect surcharges, they would be a very small per cent of these stamps issued, as many are issued simply to sell to the much-abused collector of stamps. My advice to philatelists in general is to condemn counterfeits, reprints and surcharges to their utmost capacity, and to urge their friends to do the same.

LOOKING BACKWARDS.

DIXEY.

In looking over a lot of old Philatelic papers, books, etc., I had the good luck to come across a copy of the "Northumberland and Durham Stamp Advertiser," Vol. I, No. 5, June 15, 1864, and published by R. Chambers, this being one of the earliest papers published devoted to Philately; it consists of eight pages, 6x9 each, six of which are devoted to advertisements. On the second page, we find in the new issues, Java, which we now call Dutch Indies, Montevideo (Uruguay), and New Grenada (Colombia.) In answer to correspondents, the following extract will show you at once and at the same time, the editor's views on stamp collecting and on his own literary ability:

"Tom Brown—You are quite right. Postage stamp collecting is not a humbug; we will shortly insert an article on "Stamp Collecting," that ought to bring the whole world around to our way of thinking."

The advertisements, however, are the most interesting part, to the collecting public of this day. One dealer offers a set of "Buck's Express," for Confederate States only, used or unused for 6d (12c). What these are, it is impossible to state. Mr. Alex. Perris offers a set of Ionian Islands for 9d (18c), now cheap at $1.00. Stamp & Co., of Newport, have a lottery, to be drawn the 30th of July, 450 stamps in an album to the lucky winner of the first prize; the tickets are but 14c. each. Paul Norbert of Turin, Italy, offers stamps of the Italian States among them, to illustrate how a few stamps are cheaper now than then, and vice versa: Parma, 40c. of 1858, 14c, unused now 15c.; Modena, set of provisionals, 1859, unused, $1.25; now 46c; 1857, 10c. violet, unused, 12c, now 10c; Naples, 1858, 20g, used 4c, now 60c, and others. R. Chambers offers 90c, 1861, U. S., used at 12c. and 30c., same issue at 6c.; I think we all would be able to buy a few at that price. Mr. J. W. Chater announces a monthly trade journal, the *Stamp Dealer's Universal Register*, to be issued on the 1st of August. W. B. Kane, of Gateshead, evidently has a large stock of stamps, as he advertises stamps from every part of the world, among them Cape of Good Hope, 1 sh., triangular at 25c., 1d. wood block at 25c. He also advertises Richmond Locals, 1c. at 50c; 2c. at 93c., 3c. at $1.75, 10c. at $3.50, 15c. at $5.00, and 20c. at $6.50. Probably some bogus issue, of which we latter collectors have never heard of, much less seen. Mr. Chambers advertises a lottery, also New Brunswick, 3d. used at $1.00 per dozen, worth over

that singly now; Nova Scotia, 3d., used, 56c. per dozen; Canada, ½d., used at $1.00 per dozen; and others at prices which would be considered now as giving them away. How we look back and wish we had been collecting at that time. What collections we might have had if ———. On the last page is a list of agents, and a space for a stamp, and the notice: "With this number is given a *fac simile*—Baden." We were much surprised to find that nowhere does the publisher mention the subscription price.

Let us hope that we may be able to look back in the twenty-seven years from now, at the papers published to-day, and find as much improvement as is noticed between the paper of twenty-seven years ago and to-day.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY A. M. GRIGGS.

Surely one cannot read a modern philatelic magazine through, without realizing that the literature of philately is now in its golden age.

The stratus of the press largely determines the stratus of the masses. "As is the editor so are the people," might as fitly be said of philately as anything else.

As a rule our philatelic writers of to-day are very conservative, very broad-minded and liberal. As a unit they are for the advancement of our science to the very pinnacle of importance. While we may have a few philatelic politicians who sacrifice everything to self-interest, yet this class is few and far between.

Let us review briefly our journalistic field. Here we have a newspaper paying its welcome weekly visits to our homes, with its four pages of cheerful gossip about our friends in philately, keeping us posted as to philatelic doings in the great centers and among our societies. Then we have the large monthly magazines indispensable to the advanced collector, giving him hints as to how best arrange his gems and how to separate the tares from the wheat, their timely warnings saving many a dollar from the counterfeiter's clutches.

Then we have the great and ever-growing array of smaller journals each doing its work, nobly, thoroughly; making many a convert to Philatelia's shrine, and holding in the fold many a brother whose lagging interest is aroused and renewed by some bright sketch of philatelic fiction.

We even have a humorous sheet printed in a foreign tongue, it is true, but nevertheless pictures and caricatures need no translation. We can stare at the letter-press but we laugh at the pictures.

Almost every ardent philatelist has a library now-a-days, large or small, which like old specimens will grow rarer and more valuable as time goes by.

The compilation by the worthy and gifted President of the American Philatelic Association, Mr. John K. Tiffany, entitled "The Stamp Collector's Library Companion," is a most valuable work for the literary philatelist.

Uniformity in the size of each volume should be given more attention by publishers, as a many-sized volume is no easy thing to bind.

I must not close this article without a tribute to our cotemporaries across the water.

English magazines in size and general make-up, as a rule, are ahead of their American cousins, but we are catching up slowly but surely, as the typography and contents of our magazines most fully demonstrate.

Long live philately and the philatelic press.

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Several changes have been brought about in the I. P. A. since the last report appeared in these columns. A most successful convention was held in Des Moines, with a large number of members and visitors in attendance. President Newcomer was forced to resign because of ill-health, and W. J. McCullough was elected in his place. H. L. Ilgenfritz was compelled to resign his position as Secretary on account of his studies, and J. A. Dolle was elected to succeed him. Mr. Dolle's acceptance of the office of Secretary caused a vacancy in the Vice-Presidency, and Dr. S. G. Stein was elected to fill that office. Everything looks prosperous for the association, and renewed interest in our hobby is the result. Owing to the EAGLE'S delay the Secretary's reports for the past months are stale to the members, and we had intended to have an epitome of the past few months in this issue, but it has failed to reach us from the Secretary. Consequently, you may expect an interesting and detailed report next month. Now that the new year has already begun, arm yourself to work still harder for your loved hobby and your society. You of the I. P. A. have so far the most successful state society in existence, prosperous and beneficent. Let every member work with a will to maintain the reputation so well won.

THE EDITOR.

A LETTER.

TO THE FORMER PATRONS OF THE WESTERN PHILATELIST.

The *Western Philatelist* comes to you this month in the garb of the EAGLE PHILATELIST, to which you so kindly contributed by your subscription or advertisement. I am extremely sorry I have not been allowed the privilege of responding to the confidence placed in me, but the post office has issued its decree to the contrary, and I am compelled to obey its commands. Upon the verge of informing you of my difficulty I received an offer from the EAGLE PHILATELIST, and in now accepting it I ask of you the privilege of transferring your subscription or advertising contract to this publication. If already a subscriber, the time will be extended for the period contracted. With the able corps of contributors that the EAGLE already possessed, and with those of the *Western Philatelist*, I can promise a bright and brilliant career for the EAGLE. To those preferring not to accept the new arrangements I would esteem it a great favor if they would kindly drop me a line, and I will be glad to refund any and all moneys entrusted to my care. It was the intention of the present managers to resume the publication of the EAGLE in November, but one thing turned up after another which delayed matters until now. No less than three revisions of the present manuscript have been made, and, in fact, two different printers have also had the present copy, but as many times has it been recalled. We have, however, now secured the services of a reliable printer, and with other arrangements which have been perfected, we can assure our readers that each issue will appear promptly on the 15th of each month. Hoping that the change will be satisfactory to my old patrons, and that others may become interested in the representative of western philatelics, I am,

Very Sincerely,

C. D. REIMERS,

Feb. 1893. Business Manager.

The S. B. Bradt Co., held their 10th auction sale Jan. 18th. The sale contains a fine lot of United States and foreign stamps, principally from the Maier collection.

WITH EDITOR'S QUILL.

THE bright December sun is gleaming athwart the window pane, and casts its refulgent rays in my philatelic abode, and o'er the bright letters, interesting manuscripts and newsy exchanges that are always ready to greet the editor. It has been a gloomy day, and the editor has been occupied on matters other than philatelic.

Old Sol has buried himself in a maze of clouds for hours and dared not show his face, but just as soon as the editor seats himself to tell of the future prospects and hopes of the EAGLE, he glances from behind the curtain of clouds and seemingly gives assent. Is it not a good omen? Though not given to superstitions or predictions we believe Old Sol knows what he's doing.

A GREAT wail has gone up all over the broad land from my fellow philatelist at the EAGLE'S non-appearance. Dire forebodings seem to have found lodgement in their brains. The usual trouble with the post-office department has figured largely in our delay. For while we had the desired second-class rates in Kansas City, where the EAGLE was formerly mailed, it was by no means an easy matter to secure them in Arkansas City. At no time did we think of discontinuing the EAGLE. We were only reaching out to grasp golden opportunities and striving to make the EAGLE better and stronger.

WHO can say that we have not done this? Our genial friend, Mr. Wanamaker, has decided that the EAGLE is a model journal and is entitled to second-class rates. Having decided adversely to Mr. Reimers' plea for the *Western Philatelist*, the EAGLE, whose wings are broad enough and long

enough to shelter all, has invited the *Western* to unite with us and Mr. Reimers will aid us in our efforts to issue a representative journal of the west. So, the *Western Philatelist*, which was first launched on the journalistic sea in October, 1889, is now to transfer its cargo of good will, and log-book of its successful voyage, to this more recent but no less attractive craft, and as two heads are better than one why shouldn't we succeed?

As there has accumulated so much excellent matter since our last issue, we are compelled to omit much of the best, among which might be mentioned the promised sketches on "The happiest hour of my collecting life," from America's foremost journalists. We hope to find room for them in our next issue.

Another chapter of that excellent article, "The Stamps of Canada," by John R. Hooper, is presented to the eager readers of this number. Since it began we have received many subscriptions from Canadian philatelists, as well as many interested United States collectors. A great demand for our May issue, in which the article began, goes to show that it is being preserved for future reference. To all commencing their subscription this month and requesting it, we can furnish them with the article up to date, and then commence their subscription with number 11. We cannot make this offer after this month.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's. price-list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo.

We have the handiest little book, on our table, that a collector of stamps could wish for. Ever since we received it we have called it into requisition daily. We refer to Albrecht's Vest Pocket Catalogue of all the United States and Confederate postage stamps and their prices on the market as evidenced by recent auction sales. This little book comes nearer to the real value of stamps of this country than anything yet issued. Its price is but 25 cents, and any one who handles U. S. stamps, either buying or selling, will find it worth $25.

We owe our thanks to Dr. Geo. N. Campbell, who furnished us with a splendid account of the A. P. A. convention, but which, of course, is useless now. The account was written in the doctor's happiest vein, and was the best account we read of the affair, and we regret exceedingly that our readers could not have also been favored with its perusal.

According to the Board of Trustees' report of the Sons of Philatelia, the offices of attorney and librarian were captured by western men. The new board of officers stands as follows: Eastern States 5, Middle States 4, Western States 3. This does not include the board of trustees, which is composed of New York city members. The west could not compete for these offices, but we got everything in sight.

The application for membership to the Sons of Philatelia for the month of October reached the high-water mark. In fact, it was the largest list published by *any society* for one month. Eighty-eight applications monthly and already 500 members! What's that but progress? The new board of officers seem to give universal satisfaction. We know them all, but none of them as well as the newly elected librarian. He is a first-class fellow, of poetic (?) temperament, fond of the girls and quite handsome. (*a la* Gus Luhn. No offense.)

Owing to a holiday rush the Christmas number of our paper which we put in the printer's hands November, 20th, could not be issued. The editors' and business managers' messages to each other from Arkansas City to Chicago have been so "deucedly warm" that the telegraph company has issued a general order prohibiting the receipt of our messages as they have burned the main wires off in numerous places. We trust it will not occur again, for we'll be settled down to business again soon.

Just as our last forms were being locked up we received intelligence of the assignment made by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co. The assignee is L. J. W. Wall, of the August Gast Printing and Lithographing Co. The liabilities aggregate about $45,000, while the assets are placed at $150,000.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel, in conversation with a representative of the *St. Louis Republic*, said that the assignment was made as a measure of self-protection, and that the company had been confronted with the situation where it was necessary to take some steps, and it had been decided that an assignment was the best for all concerned. Mr. Mekeel further said that the available assets were more than sufficient to meet the liabilities, and he had no hesitancy in saying that nobody would lose a dollar. It is thought, however, that an arrangement will be made by which business can be resumed in a few days. Such, at least, is the hope of the philatelic world, for no one firm has contributed more to the advancement of our cause than the C. H. Mekeel Co., and, with our readers, the Eagle Philatelist joins in with hopes for an early resumption of business.

If our editorials seem dry this month kindly overlook the fact, as we have been so busy reading those interesting Christmas numbers of the *Pennsylvania*, *Canadian* and *Eastern Philatelist* and the *Stamp*. We wish to congratulate the editors of these papers on their excellence. The first publication mentioned above is doing credit to the profession, and is forging rapidly ahead.

We wish to exchange with every philatelic paper published, and request that one copy be sent Roy F. Greene, Arkansas City, Kan., and one copy to C. D. Reimers, Auburn Park, Chicago, Ill.

The *Weekly Stamp News* begins its third year of existence Jan. 4th.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price list of the Standard Stamp Co., should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 925 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo.

We have received the following from our correspondent in China:

My Dear Greene:

I enclose a new issue of Shanghai L. P. O. stamp. The color is the only change. The 15c is now deep violet, the 20c is brown and the 5c a deep orange, the 2c is green. The old postage due are still in use.

Yours very truly,

E. T. Pollock.

NOTES FROM CHICAGO.

A most important change in Chicago philatelic circles has recently been consummated. The well known and popular S. B. Bradt Co., composed of Messrs. S. B. Bradt and P. M. Wolsieffer, has by mutual consent been dissolved. Mr. Bradt has taken up new quarters, much more commodious, two doors south of the former abode, on the second floor of 136 Wabash. He will continue the large and increasing business in stamps, which he and Mr. Wolsieffer enjoyed together with Cobb's circulating library. Mr. Wolsieffer, the genial P. M., has located at 75 State street, where he will conduct his music and publishing business together with a philatelic department. He carries a large and complete stock of music as well as everything in the stamp line.

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Wm. A. Fletcher & Co., at 43 E. Van Buren St., are doing quite a business in United States and North America stamps, though their trade in coins occupy most of their attention.

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The new philatelic headquarters in the rear of the S. B. Bradt Co's establishment is becoming a very popular resort. The C. P. S. library, which will soon be removed to this rendezvous, will add materially to its popularity. Contributions, I understand, will be thankfully received.

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All right, Bro. Luhn, I am now located in the windy city, and perhaps we may find that the branches of our respective trees do intermingle. But remember, Gussie, I live on 263d street.

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The S. B. Bradt Co., have had six of their priced auction sale catalogues bound in fine library style. The aggregate amount of these sales reaches nearly $6.000. This little volume would make a fine acquisition to any library, and is, I believe, on sale at $3.00 per copy.

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For a married man P. M. has a brain of fertility unequaled in the windy city's philatelic circles. Take a look at the cut which advertises his business on the third page of our cover, and verify our statement.

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Is this another John Morgan? A short time ago I received a request for sheets from J. S. Sawyer, 103 Main St., Buffalo. N. Y. Mr. Sawyer had a neatly printed letter head and business card proclaiming his vocation to be that of Insurance, Tickets, etc. He gave a National Bank of Buffalo, and Dunn's Agency as reference, and had "quite a school trade, and wouldn't I send some sheets for display in his window." A trifle cautious, I sent a few cheap stamps by registered mail, and when a notice from the Buffalo postmaster was received asking for "better address," I "tumbled" and wrote him of my suspicions. A short time later the registered letter was returned, and I was requested to inform any other parties who might be interested that Mr. J. S. Sawyer could not be found, and that he was undoubtedly a fraud, and also care should be taken in addressing mail to one, Robt. T. Hayes.

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J. A. Pierce, 191 S. Clark street, reports a flourishing holiday trade.

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Mr. J. E. Williams, Grand Rapids, Mich., spent a few days in the city a short time ago. He exhibited a set of the lower values of the Columbian stamps, the first lot sold at Grand Rapids.

The *Chicago Philatelist* is announced, by Mr. C. E. Schaak. Best wishes.

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The Chicago Postage Stamp Co., is a new incorporated stock company, advertised from this city with capital of $12,500. Mr. M. A. Thompson is to be the business manager, I understand, though numerous inquiries from interested parties elicit but little further information.

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Last month was a busy one in philatelic circles, especially in the auction line. S. B. Bradt Co's sale on the 14th found a large number of interested parties on hand. Space forbids only a limited review of the prices realized: U. S. 1861, 90c., $6.50; U. S. 1881, 90c., block of 12, $6.00; U. S. *Agriculture, set, $7.50: U. S. *Executive, set specimens, $5.05; U. S., *Justice, set, $15.00; U. S., *Blood, 1845, Scott No. 1531, $5.00; U. S., Blood, 1846, Scott No. 1534, $3.00; Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 4d blue, wood block, $6.50; 250 var. postal cards, mostly unused, $20.25. Following the sale was that of the W. P. U. Prices obtained were the very highest, and all in all it was the most successful as well as the largest sale ever held in this city. The following will serve to illustrate: *U. S. 1851, 5c., $18.50; U. S., 1851, 5c., horiz. strip three, $23.00; *U. S., 1851, 12c., block four orig. gum, $12.00; *U. S., 1857, 5c., red-br. orig. gum, $15.00; U. S., 1861, yellow unsev. pair, $14.00; *U. S., 1866, 3c scarlet, $17.15; *U. S. 1868, 3c rose, grilled all over, $18.35; *U. S., 1869, 90c, $10.30; U. S., 1870, 12c. $17.75; *U. S., Newspaper, 9c, $4.75; *U. S., Newspaper, $24.00, $25.25; *U. S., Newspaper, $36.00, $33.00; *U. S. Newspaper, $48.00, $42.00; *U. S. Newspaper, $60.00, $50.00; *U. S., Justice, 90c, $10.25; *U. S., State, $5.00, $62.00; *U. S., State, $10.00, $19.00; *U. S., State, $20.00, $22.00; U. S., Env., 1853, 3c, die 3 on white, $17.50; U. S., Env., 1853, 10c, die 4 on white, $16.00; U. S., Env., 1860, 10c on white, $17.00; U. S., Env., 1861, 3c on orange, $21.00; U. S., Env., 1863, 2c die 2 on orange, $22.00; U. S., Env., 1875, 7c ver. on white, $18.00; U. S., Env., 1887, 2c green (rejected die) on blue, $36.00; U. S., Env., 1887, green (rejected die), man. amber, $146.05, U. S., Lock seal blue, sheet of 54, $16.00.

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A stranger to the fact that this is the season of Columbus, who might have aimlessly wandered into the Chicago post-office Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, at an early hour in the morning, would have been bewildered with astonishment. From each of the five retail stamp windows were lines of men, two deep, extending like a labyrinth of net work into every nook and corner of the huge corridors. The stranger would have been still more surprised if he had inquired the reason of this vast throng. Of course, every philatelist in the land knows why. The name of our illustrious founder has been upon the lips of millions since the 2nd, all because of the new set of Columbian stamps which were placed on sale that morning. Never in the history of the government has such interest been taken in a new issue of stamps. People flock to the post-office for the new pasters with the thought that, like the souvenir half dollars, the stamps are limited in number. Of course, these people are not philatelists, and *we* know that as long as Uncle Sam can secure $5.00 for one stamp which costs him 18 cents per thousand, so long will the supply be unlimited.

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Invitations have been issued for the annual banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society, to be held at the Hotel Lafayette, Thursday evening, January 19th. We hope to welcome many visiting philatelists.

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The new series of stamps are almost twice the size of the former issue. The

professional stamp lickers will now have more than a mouthful.

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Stamp collectors who had fallen into line Tuesday morning with the intention of purchasing complete sets, were sadly disappointed. The rush was so great that a decree was issued forbidding the sale of entire collections. Consequently, those who desired complete sets, were compelled to take their place in line quite frequently.

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The eight cent registration fee went into effect Jan. 2nd, but very few people seem acquainted with the fact. Not only was this ignorance applicable to the public, but at the Auburn Park suburban station, the postmaster, too, was ignorant of even a rumor that the fee had been or was to be reduced, and this was on the 5th of January, too, and I was compelled to pay the old fee of 10 cents.

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2,006,132 of the new stamps were sold at the Chicago office and sub-stations, the first day of the sale.

C. D. REIMERS.

Feb. 1893.

A CARD.

TO THE PHILATELIC WORLD:

Through the kindness of the editor of this paper we are enabled to direct your attention to a proposed society. We are fully aware that there are many societies in existence, but this one is mainly for a different purpose. This society when organized will eclipse all other organizations of the kind.

It will give all the advantages and advances which other societies claim to give, thus giving combined inducements. Besides this we intend to give philatelic frauds our main and undivided attention. Our plan is outlined in the following: To have an officer in the society whose sole duty it will be to collect the name of the frauds who are in debt to the society's members, to publish their names in all the philatelic papers, particularly in the official journal, to be sent to all the members, to confer with the post-office authorities, to appoint a member of the society in the city where the fraud resides, as agent, to collect the debt or take other decisive steps for the recovery of the loss. This is about the only way in which the pest of the philatelist's life—the philatelic fraud, can be exterminated. Let us hear from all live collectors and dealers, and we are sure that if such a society be formed on good, sound, business principles, it would be a success.

Yours,

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WALTER A. WITHROW,
Earl Park, Ind.

IOWA NOTES.

BY HARVEY LLOYD.

Perhaps no better field for studying the "make-up" of the ranks of philately can be had than the membership of the Iowa Philatelic Association.

Among the members, H. C. Kendall of Emmettsburg, has the largest collection, it numbering 11,000 varieties. Mr. Kendall is a contractor, and has been a philatelist since 1863.

The collection of Jno. A. Dolle, of Rodney, is second, numbering 7,000 varieties. Mr. Dolle is secretary of the Association, and a man of 28 years of age, and agent for the C. M. & St. P. R'y., at his city.

M. C. Briggs is a veterinary surgeon at Muscatine.

Mr. E. B. Jones of Ruthven, railway postal clerk between Ruthven and Des Moines, and treasurer of the association, is a fine fellow, and has a collection of 5,000 varieties, including 1,200 varieties of United States. He has a very complete philatelic library, which includes 300 bound volumes. Only one objection to him is that he is a Republican.

[We disagree with Mr. Lloyd's dislikes.—ED.]

Mr. W. J. McCullough, a merchant tailor and president of our association, has been collecting for fifteen years, and has to show for his labors, a 5,000 variety collection.

Mr. Edwin R. Marshall, of Wyoming, telegraph operator, and sales superintendent and auction manager of the association, collects only North America, and has a fine 1,600 variety collection of that part of the world.

Clarence Jackson, of Harper, is assistant postmaster at his city, and has a fine collection. He, too, would be a fine fellow were it not for his Republican ideas. We have quite a number of these "servants of Uncle Sam," and they, of course, can't help but vote for their "bosses."

James C. Jay, of La Hoyt, is a horseman, and has a fine collection of something over 5,000.

Jas. C. Cook, of Waterloo, is a railway postal clerk, and has quite a collection considering the short time he has been at it. Another Republican.

Geo. R. Clifton, of Emmettsburg, is a carpenter. His collection numbers 1,200, and consists only of United States and Canada. He has been a philatelist for ten years.

Joe F. Beard is a job printer at Muscatine, and president of the Muscatine branch. He is the leader in philately at his city.

D. T. Eaton, secretary of the Muscatine branch of the association, is city clerk of Muscatine. His collection, though not large as regards number, is "chock full" of very desirable stamps.

Herman Gremmel is a cigar manufacturer and city marshal at Muscatine.

Hugo Beyer, "seedsman, florist and fruit grower, also justice of the peace," of New London, has a collection of 3,500 varieties, and has been collecting but two years.

E. Peterson, deputy county recorder of Ft. Dodge, has a fine collection.

E. M. White, of Davenport, is a bookseller and stationer. He has collected eight years and has a 3,000 variety collection.

Dr. S. G. Stein, of Muscatine, is vice-president of the First National bank of that place, and the treasurer of the Muscatine branch. He is a wealthy man, being considered a millionaire.

Mr. E. P. Newcomer, our ex-president, is too well known to need introduction.

Mr. F. T. Nesper, druggist at Muscatine, is a fine fellow, with quite a large collection.

Mr. J. Louis Billau, of Cedar Rapids, is a druggist. He has a 1,800 collection, to which nothing has been added since 1870. It was in his store that the only legitimate "1,000,000 stamp" collection that we ever knew for a fact, was exhibited. This was several years ago.

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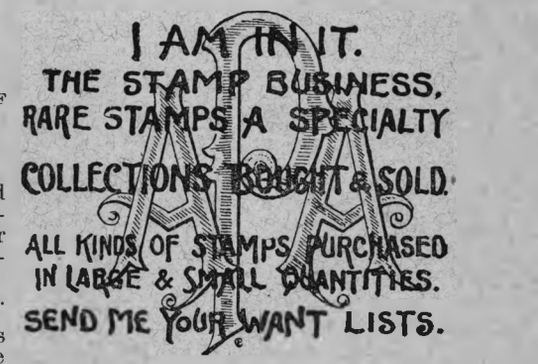
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